

suffered, these cold frosty nights to sit by the kitchen fire, while I am locked out in the hail and the rain, the frost and the snow. Sir, says the cat, had you been as honest as I am, you and I would have enjoyed the benefit of a warm fire and a dry house; but as you are a known thief, you are bolted out with the rest of your brethren. You should consider, sirrah, that honesty is the best policy. Besides the favour a person of probity may reasonably expect from others, he that is honest will always have the comfort of a good conscience, *which is better than gold, yea than fine gold, and sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.*

## X.

An Ox, who had goared a man, was seized by the dogs and brought to his trial. The Fox was judge and the dogs offered themselves as witnesses, which he refused, as they were thieftakers and interested. Here the council began to harangue, which the judge would not admit of; he told them indeed if a point of law should arise they might speak to it, but he would have no witnesses brow-beaten, or misled in that court. The Horse and the Ass were then called up, who deposed that they

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' poor Ox, my Lord,  
' his friends and rel  
' where he led a peac  
' put under the care o  
' drover, who prick'  
' London with a nail a  
' when he was lame an  
' as the brutish drove  
' about the legs with  
' knob at the end of i  
' more lame. When  
' he stood with his he  
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' hours, when the an  
' his head so much  
' and committed the

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